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January 29, 2016

Hon. Larry Clark, State Representative
5913 Whispering Hill Blvd.
Louisville, KY 40219

In re: Request for clarification – AO 2015-002
Campaign Funds/ Allowable Campaign Expenditures

Dear Representative Clark:

This letter is sent in response to your attached request for clarification regarding Advisory Opinion 2015-002. You request clarification regarding the length of time in which you may use remaining campaign funds for constituent communications. Specifically, you want to use funds remaining in your campaign account to pay for constituent communications as long as is necessary throughout the year, during not only the regular legislative session, but also the interim session and special sessions as required.

As explained in AO 2015-002, KRS 121.175 appears to permit campaign funds to be used to pay for continued communications with your constituents relative to your services as a legislator. This applies throughout the year in which you are serving as a legislator, even if you decide not to run for re-election. However, as previously cautioned, the campaign account should not be used for expenses that are legitimate legislative branch expenses, as opposed to campaign expenses. Thereafter, any funds remaining at the end of your service as a legislator must be disbursed in compliance with KRS 121.180(10).

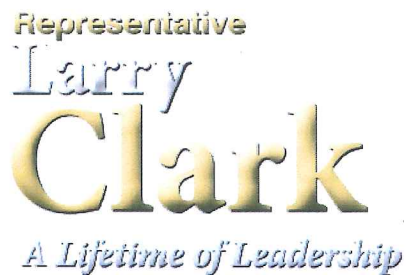
If you have any additional questions concerning this Advisory Opinion 2015-002, please do not hesitate to contact the Registry. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Emily Dennis
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General Counsel

Attachment

Cc: Registry Members
John R. Steffen, Executive Director



January 18, 2015

Ms. Emily Dennis
Kentucky Registry of Election Finance
140 Walnut Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Ms. Dennis,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding my campaign funds. I am requesting additional clarification regarding the length of time I may use my remaining campaign account funds for constituent communications through the general legislative session, interim session and special sessions as required.

As stated previously, it is my intent to not run for reelection in 2016 and will make my final decision by the filing deadline on January 26, 2015.

My intent is to continue to pay for services to continue communications with my constituents as long as necessary throughout the year. After that, I will disperse all remaining funds in accordance with Kentucky statutes and close my account.

Please send the opinion letter to me at 5913 Whispering Hill Blvd., Louisville KY 40219.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Larry" and "Clark" being capitalized and prominent.

Representative Larry Clark
CC: Treasurer, Donald Clark